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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 29, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2002

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father Paul Lavin, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, offered the following prayer:

Let us listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*If you remove from your midst oppression,
False accusation and malicious speech;
If you bestow your bread on the hungry,
And satisfy the afflicted;
Then light shall rise for you in the dark-*

*ness,
And the gloom shall become for you like
midday;*

*Then the Lord will guide you always,
And give you plenty on the parched
land.—Isaiah 58:9-11.*

Let us pray.

Lord we thank You and we praise You for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills our Nation. We thank You for the beauty and the fullness of the land, and for the challenge of the cities. We thank You for our work, for our rest, for one another, and for our homes.

Look with favor on the men and women who serve in this Senate. Help them to foster decency and to uphold justice and right. Strengthen them with Your grace and wisdom, and strengthen and support those who serve on their staffs. This morning we ask that You give strength of body, courage of spirit, and patience with pain to your servant Mary Jane Ogilvie, wife of the Chaplain of this Senate. With Your

help she may soon be restored to health.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 26, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 2003, the Andean Trade Act. No rollcall votes will occur today. Cloture has been filed on the motion to proceed to Andean trade. The Senate will vote on cloture on the motion to proceed on Monday at 6 p.m.

THANKS TO ALL WHO MAKE THE SENATE WORK

Mr. REID. Madam President, yesterday we finished a very long and arduous task in working our way through the energy bill. There were almost 500 amendments offered on that bill. The 2 managers worked through 150 or 200 amendments. It was a very difficult, contentious debate that led to passage of that bill.

There was a lot said yesterday evening about how hard people worked. There was a lot of work done, but I think it is good once in a while to pause and talk about the people who make this body function and about whom we hear relatively nothing. For example, I have been truly amazed, since being a Member of this body, that when matters come up that deal with parliamentary procedures, we have a group of parliamentarians, Alan

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